Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Step S1104: the second image verification unit 209 compares the hash value obtained in step S1102 and the hash value obtained in step S1103, and determines whether the two hash values coincide with each other, in order to verify whether the selected image file has been altered. If the areas 501, 502, and 504 of the selected image file have not been altered, the two hash values coincide with each other. In this case, the ~~main controller 210~~ second image verification unit 209 determines "not altered", in other words, that the selected image file is an original.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

If at least one of the areas 501, 502, and 504 of the selected image file has been altered, the two hash values do not coincide with each other. In this case, the ~~main controller 210~~ second image verification unit 209 determines "altered", in other words, the selected image file is not an original. The determination result of the second image verification unit 209 is sent to the main controller 210.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This invention relates to an image verification apparatus capable of notifying the verifier in an easy-to-understand way of accessory information which may have been altered out of pieces of accessory information recorded in an image data file. ~~An image verification apparatus [[(20)]] has a function of verifying whether an image file with an MAC generated by an image sensing apparatus (10A) or an image file with a digital signature generated by an image sensing apparatus (10B) has been altered, and a function of notifying the verifier of the verification result.~~ The image verification apparatus includes a verification unit and a display form change unit. The verification unit verifies whether a digital image included in an image file has been altered. The display form change unit

<u>changes a display form of additional information included in the image file if the</u> <u>verification unit verifies that the digital image has been altered.</u> As for an image file determined as a result of verification to have been altered, the image verification apparatus [[(20)]] changes the display form of the accessory information in a list window for the image file.

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